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### CAN WE LIVE WITHOUT SIN?

**"If We Say That We Have No Sin, We Deceive Ourselves, And The Truth Is Not In Us." 1 John 1:8.**

Carrie Lummus

That which was from the beginning, even Christ, the Lord of glory, by whom the world was made; that Light that lighteth every man's pathway; that Lamb as our sacrifice; that altar which sanctifieth the gift; that door of the sheepfold; that life and resurrection; the Christian's hope; that fountain for sin and uncleanness; that man of sorrows; that man that wept over Jerusalem, even the Son of man in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of our sins; that offering that was offered once for all, whose blood can make the vilest sinner whole.

This is that person whom St. John is introducing here, as he sets forth his declaration, not an historical knowledge of Jesus, but Himself an eye witness, a living witness.—Hear Him! Which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of Life.

For the life was manifested and we have seen it, and bear that eternal life." Here, then is the key that opens to us a much needed knowledge that is, to whom St. John is addressing the first part of his Epistle. Here the declaration is of the Christ that had been crucified and had risen from the dead. This is not a rehearsal to those that were eye witnesses of Jesus, because He states His very purpose for witnessing for no other purpose than to shew unto you, not what you had already seen, but to shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested unto us.

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye may have fellowship with us—no sir, these people were not of the same order of Christians that John and his crowd were, no doubt they believed in the resurrection, in Moses and the law, and possibly were strict adherents to that law. It seems to me these people now addressed by St. John were Pharisees or Essenes. Smith and Peloubet Bible dictionary in describing the doctrine of the Pharisees, say, "Indeed the whole spirit of their religion was summed up, not in confession of sin and in humility, but in proud self righteousness, at variance with any true conception of man's relation to either God or his fellow-creatures."

Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with Jesus His Son.

John here detects the fact that these dear people had the hopes of a Christian imbedded in their hearts. How sad—they saw no need of confessing their sins and confessing their need of the cleansing blood of the Christ. (They were Abraham's children.) But what is the matter John, we just cannot get together with them? Somehow the fellowship is not there, and so that is why John is addressing these needy ones at this time that they may have fellowship with us, but John, what do you mean? "I mean that you folks are no longer under the law, that no amount of good works or formality will save you, to the utmost, that since Jesus Christ has shed His blood

in order that your sins be forgiven, and unless you confess your need of the application of His blood upon your soul, you have no part and lot in the kingdom of heaven; you have absolutely got to be born again, not of flesh, but of the Spirit."

The reason your joy is not full is because the sanctifying blood of Christ has not been applied to your heart. Have you not heard how Jesus died for the very purpose without the gate that we might be sanctified by His blood?

"And these things write we unto you, that your joy might be full." We, the whole church desire your fellowship. We desire that your joy be full (positively showing two orders of Christians.) In other words the assembly addressed had gone one degree, (we will say) while the other had gone through the third.

Now dear reader if you have been converted, do not think you have got it all, there is and must be a growing in grace, a walking in the light.

"This then is the message which we have heard of him and declare unto you." This is a thing tangible—folks it is worth declaring; it is as real as Jesus Christ. We speak that which we do know, "that God is light and in him is no darkness at all." Darkness is a type of sin and I want you, dear folks to know that you must have an unadulterated religion.

Don't tell me that you are a Christian, that you are a man of prayer, a church going woman, a missionary worker and full of good works when you admit that you sin every day. Oh, not big sins of course but just common every day sins—"Yes, I think—well, I'm sure I am a Christian, my prayers are answered, I must be in fellowship with Him." I know that in God is no sin (darkness) why, anybody knows that.

But listen to me, "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." You admit that you do commit sin every day and as far as sin is concerned before God there is no such a thing as a big sin, except that a big sin is an outgrowth or a full grown little sin, for a little leaven leavens the whole lump and so there is your evolution. So good folks you just as well line up with Darwin and Darrow as to speak of defining big sins and little ones, common sins of omission and commission.

Beloved friends did you ever stop to think of the time when there were no sin in this earth, as far as the human family was concerned. It wasn't a very large family for there were just two, Adam and Eve. No sin in that home, no sin in their hearts.

Yes, really there was a time when man was free from sin; this body of flesh did not breathe sin every minute as some assert; when this old flesh did not have to sin, then what is sin? Did it come on this man and woman unawares? Did it come by accident, or did it come by its own choice to take up its abode in their hearts? No, a thousand times no. Sin came because of an actual transgression, a knowing and wilful act of disobedience. Had not God said, "Thou shalt not eat," Eve says, "I will eat." Then, sin is an actual transgression, not an accident, not a mistake, not an error of the head, but an act premeditated and carried voluntarily into effect, by a knowledge of disobeying God's command.

Pray, tell me, where in the Word of God did you get your command to commit sin? Jesus Christ said to the woman, "Sin no more." If it is impossible to keep from sinning, Jesus Christ lied or else you believe you can die when you get to heaven, for the Word says, "No more death, no more curse, no more pain." Tell me what does no more mean? If you believe you will die no more, why not believe that it is possible to sin no more. "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments, and my commandments are not grievous. (Jesus)." Jesus told the man to sin no more after he had healed him. Will some of these learned preachers of the Gospel, please define the difference between the no more of Rev. 21:4-22:3 and St. John 5:14, 8:11. The same man wrote them both.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." Then, we see that John is addressing now a people who have failed to walk in the light. Fifty seven years previous to this writing, Jesus had been nailed to the cross. The light of the world that lighteth every man that cometh into the world, the grace of God that bringeth salvation had made its appearance in the world to light every man's pathway. What is the matter folks, why haven't you walked in the light? It's the only way to have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with the Son Jesus Christ. I know what's your trouble exactly, you have not recognized the power in the blood of the Lamb, that takes away the sin of the world. I'm sorry you have overlooked Heb. 10:29, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith He was sanctified, an unholy thing, hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace.

Allow me to illustrate and by comparison prove to you that the blood of Jesus does cleanse from all sin. We are told that, "the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins." "I certainly do, my sister." Now please notice the words: "No more." In those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. If you ask God to forgive you every night you are in the same fix these folks were. You do not see any more power in the blood of Jesus than the Jews did in the blood of bulls and goats. You say you come more than once a year, well, a day is as a thousand years with the Lord, so if you die somewhere between sunrise and sunset you are in a bad fix. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.

Then, we must behold the (Continued on page 2)

### Poor Mara Weeps for Her Glory

F. J. Lee

"The Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping."—Ps. 6:8.

"Good morning Mara, why are you looking so sad? It appears that you have been weeping," said old Brother Goforth when he met one of the young members of his flock.

"I . . . do . . . not . . . want . . . to . . . tell . . . you, boo hoo," said Mara, "oh I'm so sad, boo hoo."

"Well Mara," said Brother Goforth, "I am your pastor and if there is anything that I can do or any assistance that I can render to help you, I certainly will be glad to do so. I have had quite a great deal of experience in consoling those who have become grieved."

"Well Brother Goforth," said Mara, "I feel a little ashamed to tell you, but I will have to confess I have been burdened or grieved for something like a month and it looks like I can't get settled down to business, or to feeling good any more."

"Well Mara," said Brother Goforth, "haven't you learned during all your Christian experience that the Lord is your burden bearer? Can't you sing that little song, 'Cast on Jesus all your care He will All your burdens bear'?"

"I know that is all true Brother Goforth," said Mara, "but—" "Well, what is it Mara?" said Brother Goforth, "you have my curiosity aroused, it seems that there is something bearing heavily upon your mind, please let me into the light of this so that I may help you, I perhaps can give you some advice that will help you."

"Well I believe that you know," said Mara, "if you would only take the second thought. Were you not at the last General Assembly?"

"Yes mam, I was there and I think I saw almost everything that went on," said Brother Goforth.

"Do you know anything about them making a ruling against the ladies of the Church wearing bobbed hair?"

"I certainly do, my sister," said Brother Goforth, "I sat on the platform with the other ministers and I saw it carried without a dissenting voice. I don't think there has ever been anything introduced in any Assembly that went so unanimously as did this proposition, every one felt that God was pleased to have it put over and made a ruling of the Assembly."

John Speaks of the Hair of Women

"Well Brother Goforth that's what gets me," said Mara, "and that is why I've been so bothered, just think, I have my hair bobbed and I have my hat to suit and besides that, it is the fashion to wear bobbed hair, and I just can't stand it to be called 'old fogey' or 'horse and buggy' so you see Brother Goforth what a predicament it is getting me into. I love the Church of God and I want to continue a member, but . . . oh I wish they hadn't made that ruling, I'm just ruined, the young men will hardly look at me if I should let my hair grow long again. I wish those hard hearted men at the Assembly hadn't been so dogmatic, but just made the ruling for the old ladies to wear long hair and

the young ladies to do as they please."

"Well Mara," said Brother Goforth, "it looks like from your attitude of mind you are just about to do as you please anyway."

"I beg your pardon Brother Goforth," said Mara, "I hope I haven't acted impertinent about this, but I hope that if I am wrong, God will cause me to see the error of my way, I know that I want to do right. I know that I love Jesus and I want to go to heaven."

"Now Mara," said Brother Goforth, "you are getting into a little better attitude, I think that the dear Lord will surely lead you to see your error. I am glad to hear you say that you love Jesus. Your name is Mara which means 'bitter weeping.' I suppose you can't help weeping some times, but Mara I believe if you loved Jesus like you should you wouldn't weep because of the action of the Assembly, but you would weep because you were so foolish as to have your hair bobbed. The Lord has never intended for women to bob their hair. John the revelator tells us how that demons shall come out of the pit during the tribulation, having hair as the hair of women. How would this prophecy compare to the women of today? The very expression indicates that there is to be a difference in the hair of women and that of men. What difference? I say none with the exception that the hair of the woman is to be long, but it being a shame for the man to have long hair, his must be short, this is why the apostle specified the hair of the locust demons resembling the hair of women. The man's hair would not fit the prophecy."

Mara Will No More Be Foolish

Now Mara I want to call your attention again to the statement you made a few minutes ago that you love Jesus, I am yet wondering if you really love Him as a certain young lady did, of whom I have read. She broke a very costly box of ointment and poured it on His head. Do you feel that you could have done that? or would you have thought so much of your sweet perfumes that you would not have wasted it on the Master?"

"Oh, I would gladly do it now if the Lord were here," said Mara. "I have some money I have worked for and I would be glad to use every penny of it on the dear Lord."

"That is good of you Mara," said Brother Goforth, "but that sister washed His feet with her tears." "O I could do that," said Mara, "my eyes have been a fountain of tears for over a month."

"Well, that's good," said Brother Goforth, "but I notice that the Scripture says this young lady whose name was Mary, kissed the feet of Jesus, could you do that?"

"I certainly could," said Mara, "you haven't mentioned one thing that I could not do if Jesus were only here, I would spend money for fine perfumes, I would gladly kiss His feet, I would love Him so dearly that I would cover His feet with

### PARTAKERS OF THE FRUIT

The Church of God Lifts Up a High Standard

Mrs. Ida McCoy

2 Timothy 2:6. "The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits" and further he says, "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." Not just one or two things but in all things. Now if we should plant a vineyard, wait and watch it, care for it, dig and cultivate it, then when it began to bear we could taste of the delicious fruit, and could tell something about our fruit, or what we had in our vineyard, and understand it, so that is what Paul meant when he wrote the above Scriptures to Timothy.

So many preachers or ministers of the gospel have not been made partakers, therefore, they do not know what they are trying to teach. Of course, they try to explain what they think is right, and have never been made partakers of the new birth, much less the deep truths they are trying to explain about sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, divine healing and gifts of the Holy Ghost. Not long since, we listened to some preachers as they tried to explain away sanctification, in fact they were trying to convince us that we were in error by teaching as we did.

They taught Pentecost as the new birth and sanctification as the same, finally I said: "Brethren, you are trying to tell about these things, but thank God, I am really a partaker of the fruits. I have experienced them."

When David C. Livingston explored Africa and waded water to his waist: suffered with fever, hunger and dangers from the wild beasts, suffered from thirst on the great Sahara Desert and was robbed and at last died on his knees praying for Africa, was he not a partaker? Could you ever have made him believe he had not been to Africa, and never had been crushed by the lions? No, no (Continued on page 2)

briny tears, and even wash them with tears."

"What would you dry them with Mara?" said Brother Goforth.

"O I would get a fine silk handkerchief for a drying cloth."

"That isn't what Mary used," said Brother Goforth.

"What did she use? I am able to buy and use of the same material she used," said Mara.

"Mara," said Brother Goforth, "you are at the end of your row, you can go no further in manifesting your love as Mary did, she poured ointment on Him, she kissed His feet, she washed His feet with tears, which you say you are able to do, but she dried His feet with her long, flowing hair, could you do that?"

"My . . . Lord . . . No!" said Mara, "I would be ashamed to stand before Him if He should come today. I now see that the sweetest and most precious act of Mary was not pouring on Jesus the sweet perfume or kissing His feet, or even weeping till tears ran down on His feet, but the most precious act was taking her long, beautiful hair and tenderly drying His precious holy feet. Oh I'm ashamed! Let me weep until my hair grows long again and I will not be so foolish any more."



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**EDITORIAL NOTES**  
We are informed by Brother J. L. Kerr of this city that he has a farm and desires to rent to some good Church of God man a two horse crop in seven miles of the city and one-half mile from a Church of God. Any one interested would do well to get in touch with him.

Some folks take it for their job to bless others out and bless them in and after all they hardly know whether they left them out or in.

I wonder how our modern Marys would go about bathing the feet of Jesus and wiping them with the hair of their head since they left their hair in the barber shop.

If there is going to be nobody saved but us and not all of us, heaven will be very thinly populated.

This dried up, swiveled up kind of religion will never go up.

If the services of your church were broadcasted by radio and the inhabitants of heaven should tune in, I wonder if the angels would rejoice or fold their wings in disgust.

If your job is to criticize and find fault you can do that without taking special course in spiritual things.

I wonder sometimes what the Lord thinks of our preaching to Him in our prayers.

Some preachers have their sermons cut and dried. Yes, well dried and cut in three pieces.

We carry in stock the most appropriate Christmas gifts to be found. See elsewhere in this issue.

On the 13th day of November the first Minute of the 20th Annual Assembly was completed. We are now ready to fill orders. Don't be afraid to order because we got the minutes out unusually early, they are here for you, and are by far, the earliest and best minutes of any previous ones. Order at once.

I am sure that our subscribers are aware of the fact that we are not at liberty to continue to send the EVANGEL indefinitely after their time expires unless they renew. Therefore all expirations will be discontinued at an early date unless arrangements are made for renewal.

We have concluded that our people who were unable to attend the Assembly should have an equal opportunity with those who attended, in subscribing for the EVANGEL or renewing their subscription at the special rate of \$1.00 a year. Therefore for a limited time we will receive any and all subscriptions or renewals at this special rate. We will also be pleased to send the special envelopes to any of our friends who may desire to become active in soliciting subscriptions or renewals at this special rate. The envelopes are sent free upon request.

We have just received a message informing us that Grandma Moody of Wimauma, Florida had slipped off to heaven. One of her farewell messages was "Tell Brother and Sister Lee and Brother Llewellyn I shall look for them." Of course we will miss her as she was a real mother and could find so many encouraging words for those who would visit her. The Editor had the privilege of visiting her in her home and had hoped to be able to visit her again the coming summer, but of course can not enjoy this privilege unless the Lord sees fit to call us home. Grandma was especially interested in the care and support of the orphans. We desire to express our heart-felt sympathy to her daughter, Sister Ransome and her family and all the bereaved. The obituary will appear in a later issue.

### IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

**WILLIAMS**  
On October 10, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Brother Arton Williams and claimed his wife Meda Williams, age 38 years.

She leaves to mourn her death, a husband, seven children, a father, mother and a host of relatives and friends, but while it is our loss it is heaven's gain, for she was saved from sin several years ago and lived a true Christian life. Surely we will miss her in the home; her place can never be filled but if we stand true to God we shall surely meet her.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother J. L. Myers and the remains were laid to rest in the Nash Cemetery, Baxter, Tenn., to await the coming of Jesus.

One who loved her.—Celia Mahan.

**WHITLEY**  
On September 9, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Brother W. R. Whitley and claimed for its victim, his loving wife, Laura Jane, age 39 years, who was saved while quite young, later sanctified and about fifteen years ago, was filled with the Holy Ghost and has been a member of the Church of God for nine years. She was sick for quite a while, death being caused from cancers and tumors, but through it all, she never murmured or complained.

It was my privilege to be with her during her sickness and her life during that time was an inspiration to me. She didn't want to be healed, said she wanted to go home to Jesus, and never failed to talk to sinners and warn them while she was sick. When she died, she sang "Home Sweet Home" and said: "I'm going home, good-bye."

It was hard to give her up but we realize that our loss was heaven's gain. She leaves to mourn her death, a husband, one daughter, mother, five sisters, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was preached by her pastor, Brother T. F. Blackwell and remains were laid to rest in Mount Mora Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—Mrs. T. F. Blackwell, St. Joseph, Mo.

**HUFF**  
The death angel claimed my dear grand-mother, Tina Huff of Hubert, Okla., June 25. Age 70 years, 2 months and 20 days. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. In Jesus I can boast for I heard her speak in tongues.

Let me tell you precious folks, In Jesus she built her hopes, And our Saviour's hand did guide, Till she sweetly slept and died.

It was hard to give up grandma, But God's will it must be done; She has gone to live with Jesus, And the crown of life has won.

As I sit upon my bedside, Thinking of the days gone by; I think how my dear old grandma Made me happy before she died.

Though the tears are fastly falling, And on earth she cannot see; Yet I know beyond death's river, She is waiting there for me.

Oh, how hard to give up grandma, Yet God's hand was in it all; And I'm going to trust in Jesus, Till my name He sweetly calls.

Her grand-daughter, Luttie Ledford.

**JARVIS**  
On August 18, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister F. H. Jarvis and took their darling and youngest child, Faith Naomi, age two years.

Everything was done that loving hands could do, but the Lord saw best to take her to himself. She was loved by all who knew her, but our loss is heaven's gain, for she is now beholding her Father's face around the throne in heaven. Her parents seemed perfectly willing for the Lord to have His way, and are now waiting that glad day when they will be reunited with her.

Brother M. McCraney conducted the funeral service, and remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Ocala, Fla.

One who loved her.—B. A. Wise, Burbank, Fla.

**WILLIAMS**  
On September 26, 1925 the death angel visited the home of Brother Arton Williams and claimed his son, Farmey, age 12 years.

All was done for him that loving hands could do. He was saved a few days before the Lord called him away. It was hard to part with Farmey, but we know he is in a better place than when he was in this old world. He is only asleep in wait the resurrection, then we expect to meet him around the throne of God, never to part any more. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Charlie Martin and the remains were laid to rest in the Nash Cemetery, Baxter, Tenn., to await the coming of Jesus.

One who loved him.—Celia Mahan.

**ANDREWS**  
On October 14, Mr. G. W. Andrews passed away. He suffered about four months, leaving to mourn his death, a wife, one daughter, four grand-children, several great grand-children and a host of friends.

He had received the Holy Ghost, but after he came to this place had backslidden. When Brother E. E. Simmons came here and held a meeting he was reclaimed.

He was willing to die, and even prayed for death to come for he was ready to meet his maker and had no fear. Pray for me that I may live to be able to meet him on that golden shore.—Mrs. Laura A. Andrews, Ruskin, Fla.

It may be possible for our preaching and singing to be mechanically perfect and spiritually deficient.

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### Can We Live Without Sin?

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Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Go back for a moment to Jerusa-

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lent, visit the temple on the day of atonement, what do you see? All Israel assembled, for this day a young bullock and a goat is offered, slain for their sins, also the Scape-goat to bear their sins away forever, not only for the congregation, but Aaron's also, showing that no one, be they ever so pious, but must have the blood shed and applied for his sins.

If this then was a shadow, what of the thing itself? Ask any of those Jews that day after the ceremonies had been performed were they free from sin, their answer would verily be yea, not one sin could be charged against them of the past year. Blessed provision under the law. Thanks be unto God but we are told of a better covenant.

Now, Jesus forgave sins when He was on earth, even before His blood was shed. What about that? Well, as the law was a shadow of good things to come, and was, we might say the blue-print of our salvation, I hope you'll please take notice, that previous to the once a year sin offering made for all that any individual that transgressed God's law had the right and was commanded to bring a trespass offering to the priest in order that his sin be forgiven. See Lev. 5th and 6th chapters.

Then, Jesus, our high priest, could forgive sins also before the great atonement day, the offering up of himself made once for all, but the year of atonement for all came in the seventh month, thus as seven devotes a completeness, this fore-shadowed a full and complete salvation for all, through the Lamb of God. Also the 12th chapter of Exodus, typifies the blood of Jesus as an only means of an eternal redemption, the application of the blood upon the two side post, and on the upper door posts, is proof that the entire man, soul, spirit, and body is purged from dead works (slaves of Pharaoh) to serve the living God (over in Caanan).

So let us proclaim with John that the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanseth us from all sin. But listen folks, you who say you are Christians but do sin every day, that you might even so far as see the light, and desire to walk in this light, even believing as Simon the sorcerer and receiving water baptism, that unless God cleanseth your heart, your saying the work had been done would not amount to one thing.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. No one of the human family can present himself for a fellowship certificate with Jesus Christ and the Father without first admitting that he is sinful. It did not make any difference if these people had kept the law to the letter, and had Abraham for their father, a new covenant is now in effect, "without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins." Jesus died for all, for "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

The law had included all under sin, so John was talking to a self-righteous people that did not believe in confessing that the carnality in them could be subjugated to Christ alone through the merits of His shed blood, so you need not present yourselves for membership now, why should we be unequally yoked together? Have I not told you that fellowship was lacking? You are yet carnal in sin. If you had walked in the light, as He is in the light, the fellowship would have been known, I would not have had any occasion to write you this message, so there must be sin in you, for when we fail to walk in the light the blood fails to flow for your cleansing.

Now good people I am going to make you a proposition. I am going to give you a chance to have fellowship with us, yes, even with the Father and the Son. Listen to me, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Come everyone of you, tell the Lord all about it, bring with you words of sorrow and contrition, tell Jesus you are sorry because of your self-righteousness, because you thought you were

good enough and was going to heaven some day, but John came and somehow you could not fellowship him, you wanted to have your way, but after his firm declaration of the truth, you admit you need His blood applied to your soul, that fellowship may exist between your soul and God.

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." Perhaps this was John's last blow, his final exhortation to a few who would not come clean and confess that in Adam all had sinned, that the Scriptures hath included all under sin, that the promise of our salvation might become effectual alone by faith in Jesus Christ and given to those who believe. Are you a believer? Thank God (have sinned is an expression of past tense). I must admit I have sinned, but I do confess that I am avoiding all actual transgressions now. (present tense).

The Word says, "by their fruits ye shall know them," there are people today testifying and saying they are free from sin. God knows that they are lying when their lives do not back up their testimony, but that does not make the Word of God to none effect. John evidently knew these people, that he addressed here in this chapter, he knew their besetting sin, he was honest enough to tell them they were not walking in the light, he emphatically tells them they fall short in fellowship and that is why he is writing them and like so many that have gone down in the apostasy of today they prefer still saying we have no sin, we have nothing to confess.

How sad for God's children to backslide away from fellowship and yet hold on to their integrity. I call to remembrance where confessions had to be begged and pleaded for, and then it would come with no sorrow, but a stiff neckness, such a one is a spot in any feast of charity, a hindrance to the progress of the Holy Spirit.

But whether you or I live without sin in this world, I want to say it reverently, and say it with all due respect to God in the presence of the holy angels, in the face of the devil and the fallen angels that the blood of Jesus Christ makes it possible for whosoever will, to live without sin, and pursue a life of perfection.

Do you believe God would say to me, "Balance this world in the palm of your hand." Why, you say common sense teaches us better than to believe that, and so it does, but when the same Lord says, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your father in heaven is perfect," must I believe the God of heaven has lost all reason, to command me to be what I could not be? If God says we shall give an account for every idle word, do you believe He uttered the above words as idle words? Surely common sense teaches you better than to believe such.

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Poor lost unbelieving world, With the wonderful Gospel around you hurled; With the wonderful God watching your face, World you are awfully disgraced.

Sunk down in shame, you should bow your head, When you think of the blood that for you was shed; But instead your fangs are lifted high, You strike at the truth and regard the liar.

World, your time is coming some day, Had you thought what you'd do or what you'd say? Guess you'll put down the throttle and ring the bell, For all your guests are the guests of hell.

Selected.

### PARTAKERS OF THE FRUIT

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never.

The people soon found out that I knew what I was talking about, so let's hold up the standard higher and higher as we go along, but if we are not partakers let's go slow, if we cannot measure up to divine healing, let's go slow about preaching it, but if our fever runs to 105 and we still cling to God, saying like Job, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him," then we can preach divine healing for we have been made partakers of the fruit.

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So many people think that all there is to the Church of God people is a big fuss, but let us prove different brother and sister. Let's be careful what we preach if we cannot measure up to it, lest a reproach be brought upon the cause. Don't scold or boast only in Jesus. There are lots of good people who can be won for the Church of God if care and skill is used in convincing them. All honest hearted people want all God has for them. They are hungry for the truth and so many are simply scared away. Let our words and actions be covered with love and watch for an opportunity to do good, for we must be partakers of His holiness before we can do this but thank God for the privilege of following Jesus.

Sometimes He withdraws His presence from us just to see if we will feel for Him or rely upon Him for help. Oh this is the blessed way, the sweetest fruit I ever tasted. David said it was sweeter than the honey comb. Say, brother and sister, are you really a partaker, or are you just telling what you think about the Church of God and her doctrine, do you really know? If so, there will be a praise in your heart when you read this but if not there will be a doubt.

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Now, he will have to be taken care of and I am asking the pastors of each church to take this up with their churches and send an offering each month for this purpose, to take care of him, and help to evangelize the State. I am sure that our good people who want to do something for the Lord will be glad to do this.

If you can't go you can give a little of your means to send some one else. You may send the amount to us, at Wimauma and a strict account will be kept and proper credit will be given each church. In sending money always state for what purpose it is to be used. Pastors, please don't forget this, and let's do something for the Lord this year that will count.

Now pastors let me make one more appeal to the churches through you. I feel that I would be ungrateful if I should fail to do this. You all remember our dear Brother Evin Merett, who has lost his health, was not able to preach but a few times last year, and not able to work. Folks are calling for this good man to be their pastor but he is not able to preach or work either. Now could we allow this dear man and his family to suffer when all the churches can put in just a little and take care of him? The Lord will bless you for it.

Now I believe this is enough said as our folks love one another, and will stand by each other. We don't know when we will need some help, so let's take care of these matters. I believe we will. Let us all pull together and we can then expect great things from the Lord. May the Lord bless every one of you.

J. A. Self.

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## Obedience Better Than Sacrifice

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—I feel a praise in my heart for the King Divine who ruleth all. Surely He has proven more than a friend to me. I'm tired and disgusted with sin and its folly, my heart now goes out for something more beneficial. I feel that my life would be a miserable failure should this great Comforter depart.

I have tried the ways of sin and find it only a rugged pathway, full of disappointments, and truly believe everyone walking therein are discontent to remain.

I found myself wandering here and there, seeking rest and finding none; the whole world looked dark to me. My eyes were blinded with the gods of this world inasmuch I had no time to think of my eternal destiny, and was going at break-neck speed, soon to be hurled off into eternity unprepared to meet my God, when—Hark! a sound from heaven gave the

## To The Ministers And Clerks Of The Churches Of God In Jamaica

As the 20th Annual Assembly of the Churches is now past and gone down on the pages of history, I must say it was a feast of good things from the Lord.

Truly the Lord honored this Assembly in many ways, and as I have been appointed overseer of Jamaica I will say right here, let us be brothers and work together for the good of souls.

Now, I don't know just when I'll be there but pray that I may get there soon. Let us make this a banner year for God and His church in Jamaica.—T. A. Sears, Overseer of Jamaica, Wynne, Ark.

I wish to announce through the columns of the Evangel, that my address is now, S. J. Wood, Thurber, Texas. Box 186.

## TO ALL THE CHURCHES IN LOUISIANA

We are at last in the state and are ready to go to work, located at the address given below. If any one wishes to write me I am ready to help you. To the preachers, I wish to say, "Come on boys and let us go over the top for Jesus and the great Church of God this year" and I wish to say here that if any preachers from the other states feel that God wants you in Louisiana, come on as we need you.

I find this is a ripe field and laborers are few. If you feel like coming remember what Brother Dunn said that La. is in the United States so come on. I find God is here. If you are preaching the true gospel and standing four square for the Church of God you have a special invitation to come and we will give you a job.

May God bless one and all.

J. C. Coats,  
Box 915,  
Monroe, La.  
Overseer of La.

signal: "Time to Stop!"

Every direction I looked I could see danger signals, hence I knew no rest night nor day.

I realized my undone condition before God and had thought that sometime before death I would accept salvation, but I fear the words, "Time Enough Yet" will have been the cause of many souls going to hell.

I thought the sacrifice too great, to give up my friends who were very dear to me, but I want to add: Jesus is the truest friend I have ever met. His friendship is true and lasting. Though we forsake Him, yet is He mindful of us.

I must admit, I have failed God to a certain extent since I received Him, but at the same time have been made to realize more the vanity of pride and worldliness. True enough, I had begun grasping the things of the world, little by little, 'til I found myself condemned before God and man, when I was awakened, as it were, from a deep sleep and was so homesick for perfect joy again, could hardly realize I had strayed so far from God. What was the matter? Neglect of prayer. Ah, prayer is needed to keep that fire of holy zeal burning in our souls.

If we would seek the Lord's approval, Have His guidance all the way; We must prove ourselves before Him, We must pray.

If the load we have is heavy, And the cross we bear is great; There's no better remedy for it, But to pray.

When our light begins to glimmer, From our life there be no ray; Take your burdens all to Jesus, Try to pray.

Though the way looks dark and dreary, He can roll the clouds away; 'Twill be His great delight to do so, If we pray.

## PUTTING METTLE INTO METAL

Edwin E. Munn

At the beginning, this may not seem interesting, but after consideration I believe these thoughts will be of interest and of benefit to those who care.

Metal is generally thought of as being a substance or matter taken from the earth to make iron or steel or some other substantial material. But the metal of which I wish to speak is that metal in man, or that part of man that is substantial, and the mettle to be put into metal is that of which I am writing principally. Then, we ask the question what is mettle? This mettle is quality—highest quality. It is spirit-conquering spirit. It is eternal life and temperament—a distinctive vital power. (Jesus Christ is this mettle in man).

It hates crass and inferiority, despises folly, and has nothing to do with the common things of the world. It rejoices in the highest, noble, and best. Read Phil. 3:13. 1 John 2:15, 16, 17.

It is that intangible yet cogent thing which laying hands upon the best of men touches their hearts with the fire from God's altar which enthralls them with the will to be and to do. See Acts 1:8.

It is the nerve on which the spent runner wins the race. 1 Cor. 9:24.

It is the efficaciousness of the perfect, the source of hidden strength tapped by the gallant Christian as he finishes his fight in the severe trying hours of life; his hope of that life to come.

It is toughness, stamina, endurance, vitality, bred-in the bone grit; it is all this and more. It is the inherent life and spirit of a perfect man to which end we should all be striving to attain.

Some men have more mettle than others. Jesus is the true mettle and all that we need, but to say that we are born of the Spirit, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost does not warrant us that we have His fulness, in fact we have not.

A man is more what he is through knowledge and experience than through his profession or what he may claim to be. A tree is known by its fruits even so we may know what a man is just like we know the temper of steel by the amount of endurance it has.

There is a certain steel drill made called the Celfor drill. This word Celfor is taken from a Latin word, which means speed and strength, and as speed, accuracy and strength are the characteristics of good drills even so preachers and Christian workers may be judged by their speed and accuracy in giving out the Word of Life.

Then, in order to endure hardness these drills are tempered very hard.

In order for our people, especially our workers and preachers to endure the temptations and trials to fight this battle of faith with endurance and to be able to stand the test then, we need a character that can't be challenged. Then, let us remember that eternal vigilance is the price of perfection. They should attend the Bible Training School as this is the place to obtain knowledge. The first chapter of 2 Peter teaches us that we receive all things through the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Every good and perfect gift comes from God, therefore, every good gift in man is a part of Christ in man, as we receive them through the knowledge of Him, who hath called us unto glory and virtue. He obtains this knowledge in two ways, first we learn with our minds.

He has promised to be with us, Bless and cheer us on our way; But we must be obedient children, "Watch and pray."

Joy is ours and power given, When we ask there's no delay; This a promise He has given, When we pray.

Pull the chord, the bell will ring, Heaven's doors will sway; God commands the angels "Grant it." As we pray.

Vianna Free.

then after we have been converted in mind, and regenerated at heart we begin to obtain knowledge both by mind and experience, in mind and in heart. Jesus Christ is our mettle, our justification, sanctification and redemption.

## FAREWELL

Farewell—my dear children, I am going away; I have left home very often But not to stay.

But this time I am going To a country you see, where I can't come back to you, But you can come to me.

I have prayed for you daily That Jesus would lead, Your feet in the way That would lead you to me.

It is not far to Heaven— It seems I can hear The songs of the angels, As they gather near.

The voice of my Savior, To me sounds so near— "Lo! I am with you You have nothing to fear."

"To me you've been true And bore the reproach Of those who don't know The worth of my cross."

You have testified ever To what I have done— Saved and sanctified through The blood of the Crucified One.

When first you started, You counted the cost And received the Spirit, The dear Holy Ghost."

And now as I've asked You to meet up there, Now is the time for Each one to prepare.

Repentance the first step, Each one must meet; Get humble and low At the dear Saviour's feet.

Confessing your sin, Forgiveness implore; And when you're saved You will hunger for more.

Just go to the Saviour— He understands; And will lead you to know What the Spirit demands.

The Bible will teach you It can't be denied. Cleansed through the Blood You'll be sanctified.

And reaching up higher Not minding the cost The promise is for you The dear HOLY GHOST.

Mrs. M. L. Crenshaw.

## CHRISTMAS TIME IS NEAR

F. J. Lee

The time is near at hand for the celebration of Christmas. The little children will expect a treat and little presents. We remember when we were small we looked for candy, oranges, nuts etc., and if we didn't get them of course we were disappointed. Now let us who have passed beyond the childhood age not forget that we were once children and that children still expect the older ones to give them some little treat at Christmas time.

The children also expect to have some little entertainment their delight to deliver little exercises, speeches, songs etc.

I really do not think that any Sunday school should fail to gladden the little hearts of those who have been so faithful in attendance to the Sunday school. Many of them have gone each Sunday morning rain or shine. Why not encourage them by having an entertainment at Christmas time? Show them that you love them and appreciate their efforts and attendance at Sunday school. Have them sing some special select songs, have them recite some good recitations, they will appreciate it, the public will appreciate it and their parents will appreciate any interest you show to the children.

"What must we have?" said some one. Well it would be well to have speeches that are elevating, such as the birth of Jesus; the star of Bethlehem; the shepherds; making gifts: the Gift of all gifts, etc. You may

also have little dialogs that are edifying, about the shepherds in the field, the angels singing, in fact anything that points to Jesus.

What about Christmas trees? Well I don't feel good about having the old time Christmas tree. These are used by all classes of people, out in the street, in stores, at dances, at firemen halls, school houses, in fact the world uses them in every place. Many times the conduct around these trees is something terrible. They are not sacred enough, therefore I would not advise using the old time worldly Christmas tree.

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panties; 5 pr. small pants.  
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T. S. PAYNE, Superintendent

I am praising the Lord today for the Church of God Bible School and truly think it is a good place for one to be. We sing, shout and pray and always remember the Scripture that is one of the grandest commands in the Bible which is, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Every day, when the time comes for the study period, we put our whole hearts into the service and always learn something new, yes, things we had never thought of before.

There are some here who have not means to go through the school but they are trusting the Lord, and remember the Word where it reads like this, in Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." This verse of Scripture is a great consolation to a great many of the students.

Everything has been placed at our convenience so we don't have very much to worry about. We have prayer at least six times a day and almost every time the Lord pours us out a blessing that our soul can't contain.

This school is the only one that I have ever seen the power of God manifested in, there is more love and unity shown here than I have ever seen in any other school. Please remember the Bible Training School in your prayers.—Luther Brooks, Bible Student.

I want to praise God for the privilege of being back in Bible School and want to say it is wonderful to be here to study the precious Word of God and learn how to rightly divide it.

I only wish there were more men and women, that could attend this school, who feel the call of God to go out and work for Jesus.

There are some preachers who seem to think they don't have time to go to school, that souls will go to hell while they are preparing for the ministry but I say nay, there are more souls drawn away from God by

preachers not knowing how to rightly divide the Word, than to stay in school awhile and learn how to apply it, and give each Scripture its right meaning.

David did not know how to bring the ark home and tried to bring it the wrong way and caused Uzziah to lose his life, because he failed to study and find the right way. How many souls are not won for God because preachers do not know how to preach the Word in the right way.

I will say here, I regret very much that I did not go to school several years ago, before I started out preaching, but could not feel the need of it then like I do now. I met with so many that came to prove me with hard questions that we do not understand.

We are very much delighted with our teachers, Brother Payne and Sister Moore. We are corrected of grammatical errors in such a nice manner that we do not feel like we had been scolded, but which makes us mindful of every little thing.

We students are not idle while here, we hold street meetings and visit the jail and hold service, also go out to the country churches and preach for them. A revival spirit is now on at Cleveland, there were two saved and one sanctified Friday night, and the altar was full of seekers crying out to God.

"Say not ye there are yet four months, and cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Jno. 4:35.

We don't feel like we are wasting time while we are here but think it is being well spent. Brother Payne says he never taught a school like this one before, where he had to stop and let the students shout. If you don't believe we're having a good time just come and see.

I don't think Brother Payne is leaving a stone unturned, but he surely has his all in the interest of the school. I think we can all go away from here at the close of the school with greater knowledge and zeal than we ever have had.—Florida Brown.

Ghost and fire.

I am a member of the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. I am not building upon sand but I'm building upon the rock. I truly praise the Lord for this wonderful way and plan of salvation, and that I ever became humble at the feet of Jesus to accept Him.

We certainly do have some good meetings here, the Lord blesses and we shout the victory. Brother Earl Paulk is our pastor and he surely does preach the word in its fullness.—Lillie Irene Lawrence.

HAMPTON, Tennessee.—I'm among the living, saved from sin, sanctified by the blood and waiting for the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, to come in and take up His abode. I ask that every praying person will pray earnestly that I may receive Him, also I have two daughters and one son who are unsaved, please remember them.

I know there is power in prayer and I know that He will hear His children when they call upon Him.—Matilda Rash.

LADONIA, Tex.—I want to sound a note of praise to my Saviour in thanks to Him for what He is to me. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and trust the Lord for the healing of my body. I am thankful to say He keeps me both soul and body. Praise His name. Pray for me.—Lee Rolan.

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